

PRISON BARS
DON'T HOLD HER

Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst
Just Refuses to Eat and
Out She Goes

AGAIN RELEASED
IN LONDON TO-DAY

Her Followers Claim She
Was Brutally Treated
by the Police

London, March 14.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst again was released from Holloway jail to-day. She started a hunger and thirst strike immediately after her arrest on Sunday at Glasgow and is reported to be very weak and exhausted. The suffragists charge the police with brutal treatment of Mrs. Pankhurst at the time of her arrest. She fell during the scuffle and the militant newspaper says the police threw her bodily into a cab, where she was allowed to lie on the floor while the cab was driven to the police station. An investigation of the incident is demanded.

Attack Home Sec. McKenna's House.
A detachment of militant suffragettes, armed with hatchets and hammers, smashed every pane of glass on the ground floor of the residence of Reginald McKenna, home secretary, in Smith square, Westminster, to-day. Six women arrived in the square in an automobile and took the policemen guarding the house by surprise. All who took part in the attack were arrested. McKenna left town for the week-end yesterday.

DREADFUL RESULT
IS FORECASTED

If Congress Repeals Panama Canal Tolls
Exemption—Rep. Knowland of
California Is Very
Bitter.

Washington, D. C., March 14.—Vigorous denunciation of the Sims bill, which he characterized as a notice to the world that the United States had abandoned its policy of an American-controlled Panama canal and virtually surrendered its power to regulate its commerce because of a new peace at any price policy featured the minority report to the House to-day by Representative Knowland of California against the repeal of the tolls exemption clause of the Panama canal act. The interest commerce committee, of which Knowland is a member, had favorably reported the bill, proposing a flat repeal.

Representative Knowland's minority report says in part: "A situation unparalleled and unprecedented in history now confronts the nation. The passage of this bill gives a final interpretation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and thus surrenders for all time rights vitally affecting this nation commercially, strategically and politically. Thousands of patriotic Americans insist we cannot maintain our national honor in the present controversy if we abjectly surrender every American right at Panama."

The report warned the committee and members of the House that the Sims bill would foreclose the right of battle to pass through the canal without payment of tolls.

Representative LaFollette of Oregon in a minority report said the president made a mountain out of a mole hill when he appeared in Congress urging a surrender of rights.

TEN WERE KILLED
IN TRAIN WRECK

And 15 Were Injured in New South
Wales Because of a Dense
Fog Prevailing.

Temora, New South Wales, March 14.—Ten passengers were killed and 15 were injured, three of them seriously, in a collision to-day between a mail train and a freight locomotive at the Exeter station near Moss Vale. The accident occurred in a dense fog.

Among the killed were a man and his two daughters who were taking home the body of the man's wife, who had died in a hospital. A son, the only other member of the family, was severely injured.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER ACCUSED.
Of Breaking and Entering a House at
Dummerston.

Brattleboro, March 14.—Myra and Olive Divoll of Dummerston, mother and daughter, were before the municipal court with breaking and entering the house of the E. W. Tabor estate in Dummerston, of which Lewis H. Lynde is administrator. They were represented by Attorney W. R. Daley, waived examination and were paroled in custody of the husband and father until to-day, when the result of a search of their home will be known.

17,000 SHAMROCK PLANTS.

Were Brought To New York For St.
Patrick's Celebration.

New York, March 14.—Seventeen thousand pots of shamrocks were brought to port yesterday by the Cunard liner Mauretania for the annual celebration March 17. The little green plants were looked after by loyal Irishmen of the crew and every sailor wore a small bunch in his cap when he came ashore last night.

Weather Forecast.
Cloudy to-night and Sunday; probably local rains or snow; warmer to-night; brisk southwesterly winds.

FORMER VERMONT
DEAD AT MINNEAPOLIS

Judge C. A. Willard of United States
District Court Died as Result of
Nervous Breakdown.

Minneapolis, March 14.—Judge C. A. Willard of the United States district court died at his home here last night as the result of a nervous breakdown. Charles Andrew Willard was born in St. Johnsbury, Vt., May 21, 1857, the son of Andrew J. and Aurilla B. (McGaffey) Willard. He was educated at Dartmouth college, receiving the degree of A. B. in 1877 and later L. L. D. He received an L. L. B. from Boston university in 1879, following which he practiced law at St. Johnsbury for three years, coming in 1882 to St. Paul, where he practiced three years and then moved to Minneapolis.

SEEK TO RELEASE
MEXICAN FEDERALISTS

Petition Ready to Be Filed in a Federal
Court to Get Men Interned in a
United States Fort.

San Antonio, Tex., March 14.—Application for the release of Mexican federal soldiers interned at Fort Bliss was ready to be filed in federal court here yesterday when lack of a judge to hear the petition caused H. R. Gamble of El Paso, representing the refugees, to postpone action.

United States Judge Maxey of this district is in New Orleans on the circuit bench, and when Judge Walter T. Burns of the southern district of Texas was asked to hear the petition he ruled he was without jurisdiction, not having been formally designated to hear it. Last night Mr. Gamble was considering going to Houston to present the application to Judge Burns, despite the judge's ruling, and his further announcement that an unusually heavy docket there would prevent his giving a prompt hearing to the petition.

Habeas corpus petitions for the refugees, who were interned after they fled to the United States from Ojinaga before General Villa and the constitutionalists, have been rumored for some time. Unconditional release of the Mexicans is demanded in the petition, which Mr. Gamble announced last night he would request be made returnable in El Paso the first Monday in April. Notice that an application for habeas corpus would be filed is said to have been formally given military authority at Fort Bliss.

BIRDMAN KILLED
MAKING LANDING

German Army Officer Was Crushed Be-
neath Machine as It Tipped Over
When Nearing Ground.

Keonigsberg, Germany, March 14.—Lieutenant de Lossor of the 176th West Prussian infantry regiment is the latest army officer to lose his life to the cause of aerial navigation. He was attempting to make a landing to-day when his machine tipped over near the ground and crushed him to death beneath the motor.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT CRITICIZED.
By Vermont Educators Assembled at
Burlington.

Burlington, March 14.—The report of the Carnegie Foundation on the secondary school system of Vermont, with recommendations for the reconstruction of high schools into junior and senior central high schools, received several jolts last night at the semi-annual banquet and meeting of the Vermont Schoolmasters' association at Hotel Vermont. It was the largest gathering of its kind ever held, about 70 being present.

The sentiment expressed was that the document was ably prepared and written by an expert who was also an idealist, and that it could do more at least than to awaken Vermont to a new system of education. That it was written by investigators who were not acquainted with conditions in Vermont was the general opinion.

Principal Morrow of Bakersfield academy said that Vermont had been approached as the rural state by the Foundation committee, which had submitted a kind of treatment ideal for rural people.

Gov. Fletcher, who was present, said the report was a good one, from the fact that it had aroused controversy and discussion, but he would reserve opinion on it until the state commission had submitted its report.

"If there be grains of truth in it," he said, "let the state take heed."

Among the guests at the banquet were Pres. Guy Potter Benton of the University of Vermont, Pres. John M. Thomas of Middlebury college, State Supt. of Education Mason S. Stone and other prominent educators.

TOWN OF ROYALTON SUE.
Because of Collapse of Bridge Last
Summer.

Burlington, March 14.—Papers were filed in the county clerk's office yesterday in the case of Eleanor Hale vs. the Town of Royalton. The action is in trover and the pleadings state that the plaintiff, in November, 1913, was possessed of personal property to the value of \$10,000; that the plaintiff lost said property and that the town of Royalton found it and that the town, though requested to do so, refused to give it up and has converted it. The facts seem to be that property went into the river for which the town is alleged to be responsible, and the story about its being lost and found and not given up is simply a part of the lawyer's art of pleading. The facts in the case are that an automobile truck load of household goods, weighing several tons and belonging to Mrs. Hale, went through a highway bridge. One of the questions likely to come up when the case is tried will be how a bridge of a town is under obligations to maintain in these days of heavy automobile trucks.

TRAMPS CAUSE
A HEAVY LOSS

By Kindling Fire on Wood
Floor of Factory Build-
ing in Brooklyn

LOSS EARLY TO-DAY
WILL REACH \$300,000

Flames Leaped to Another
Huge Building and Par-
tially Destroyed It

New York, March 14.—Tramps, who built a fire on the wooden floor of a vacant factory building in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn, where they had taken refuge from the cold last night, caused a spectacular blaze that did \$300,000 damage and resulted in injury to three firemen.

The flames spread rapidly and leaped to a large four-story factory of the Standard Wood Turning Co., and before they were checked one side of that building which occupies half a block, was badly burned.

ANCIENT CHURCH
WIPE OUT BY FIRE

Famous 13th Century Saint Quirinus of
Neuss, Germany, Was Destroyed
Together with Chimes and
Big Organ.

Dusseldorf, Germany, March 14.—The famous 13th century church of Saint Quirinus at Neuss, four miles from here, took fire early this morning and the greater part of the edifice was quickly destroyed. By noon the tower, the celebrated chimes and the organ had been consumed and the flames were still making headway in spite of the efforts of the firemen from this city and from Cologne.

The Saint Quirinus church was first erected in 1209, and the tower which collapsed to-day was added in 1741.

PATERSON CHURCH LOST
And Firemen Had to Work Hard to Save
The Adjacent Property.

Paterson, N. J., March 14.—All of the Paterson fire fighting apparatus was put to use last night, saving many residences from destruction, while flames were destroying the First Holland Reformed church in Haledon avenue. The property loss was estimated at \$300,000.

BURNED TENNIS PAVILION.
Those Suffering Suffragettes Keep Up
Their Sins.

Birmingham, England, March 14.—The militant suffragette arson squad set fire to the tennis pavilion of the Olton club five miles from this city late last night, and the building was destroyed.

OPERA HOUSE DESTROYED.
The Grand at Leeburg, Pa., Burned
With Loss of \$100,000.

Leeburg, Pa., March 14.—The Grand opera house, erected two years ago at a cost of \$100,000, was destroyed by fire to-day.

STILL FINDING BODIES.
Six More Taken Out of Clubhouse Ruins
at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., March 14.—Six bodies were removed from the ruins of the Missouri Athletic club building yesterday, bringing the total number of dead victims to 24. The bodies of six other victims still lie buried in the fire wreckage.

Seventeen bodies have been identified, but the others are burned beyond recognition. The three of bodies recovered yesterday were identified as those of Allan Dow, J. L. Haenlein and John J. Ratz, all of this city.

Inspection of other buildings by the fire department revealed scores of unsafe structures, including the municipal house of detention for children, an orphan's home, a convent, an exclusive social club, a large theatre and several hotels.

Charles Schmel of Chicago, one of the injured in the fire, yesterday filed suit for \$25,000 damages against the club and the Eastman's bath of which occupied the building. Schmel suffered a broken leg in dropping from a window of the club. His petition charges that the fire ordinances were disregarded, in that no rope or other fire escape was provided for him.

TWO FRIGHTFULLY SCALDED
When Engine Cab Was Filled with Steam
Because of Accident.

Providence, R. I., March 14.—Two men were scalded, one probably fatally, when the crown sheet on a New Haven locomotive dropped down near Wood River Junction at 10 o'clock last night. The falling of the crown sheet, allowing cold water to flood the firebox of the engine, immediately filled the cab with steam.

Fred H. Harris, fireman of this city and W. R. Wallace of New Bedford, Conn., head brakeman, who was in the cab at the time, were the victims of the steam.

THREE PROWLERS KILLED.
And Others Mortally Injured at Ceiba,
Honduras, Fire Ruins.

New Orleans, March 14.—Two men and a woman were killed and three men mortally wounded by soldiers who caught them prowling about the ruins of a fire that swept Ceiba, Honduras, early Sunday, according to the reports brought here by passengers on the fruit steamer Joseph Vazquez. One hundred and sixty-two houses were destroyed.

RAISED FOR BARRE CITY
HOSPITAL

Tuesday, March 10.....\$25,000.00
Wednesday, March 11.....31,446.50
Thursday, March 12.....34,245.40
Friday, March 13.....36,378.83
Saturday, March 14.....
Monday, March 15.....
Tuesday, March 17.....
Wednesday, March 18.....
Thursday, March 19.....
Friday, March 20.....

TEAM DRIVER GETS DAMAGES.
For Being Run Down by Automobile in
Burlington.

Burlington, March 14.—The jury in the case of Lyman Prim against William and Louis Alpert yesterday afternoon brought in a verdict of six hundred dollars against Louis Alpert. William Alpert was acquitted and awarded costs.

The case arose out of a collision on North avenue last summer, when Louis Alpert drove his automobile over the wagon in which Lyman Prim was riding. Prim came off with a double fracture of the arm and a broken nose. The main question was as to the negligence of Alpert.

The case against William Alpert, who is Louis's father, depended on the establishment by Prim's lawyers of a partnership relation between them. There was some question when court adjourned Thursday night as to whether this relation had or had not been shown. When court opened yesterday morning the attorneys for the plaintiff consented to waive that point and let William out. This point being passed over, there was no further evidence on either side to go in and the rest of the day was devoted to the arguments of counsel and a very brief, but clear, charge by Judge Fish. The arguments of counsel dealt almost exclusively with the question of the use of responsible care, and the embargo of the judge was largely devoted to giving the jury the law on that subject. The jury was out a comparatively short time and returned with a verdict at about 3:30 o'clock.

WAS OLD-TIME MERCHANT.
Nahum P. Kingsley Died in Rutland at
Advanced Age.

Rutland, March 14.—Nahum P. Kingsley, a brother of Gen. Levi G. Kingsley of this city, and who was long associated with the mercantile business of Rutland county died at his home here yesterday afternoon of Bright's disease. The funeral will be held Monday.

Mr. Kingsley was born in Shrewsbury in September, 1833. He was the son of Harvey and Elvira Gleason Kingsley. In 1855 he began his career as a clerk in a Rutland clothing store, going the following year to Brandon, where he had a jewelry store for years. Since 1875 he had resided in this city, being engaged much of the time in the sale of western lands. He was at one time vice-president of the Merchants' National bank of Rutland and for some time vice-president of the State Trust company. Mr. Kingsley was a member of St. Paul's lodge, F. and A. M. of Brandon. He leaves, besides General Kingsley, one sister, Mrs. Albert W. Higgins of Rutland.

Nathum Kingsley was married in 1858 to Adelaide Keeler of Brandon, who died in 1906. They had no children.

TURNED OVER TO GOVERNMENT.
Anderson Who Was Arrested in West
Halifax Store.

Rutland, March 14.—An Englishman named Anderson, who was arrested at West Halifax Tuesday while in the act of robbing a store in which the postoffice is located, has been turned over by the state to the government authorities on a John Doe warrant, issued by Commissioner John Young at the suggestion of District Attorney Alexander Dunnett of St. Johnsbury. Anderson was lodged in the house of correction by Deputy United States Marshal Frank H. Chapman, in default of \$5,000 bail, for hearing before Commissioner James A. Merrill in this city next Tuesday morning. He is 28 years old and unmarried and has been in America since November.

ATTACHES RAILROAD PROPERTY.
In Suit in Which Judge Bates of Ben-
nington Sues Rutland Railroad.

Rutland, March 14.—Property of the Rutland railroad was attached for \$7,000 by Sheriff E. C. Fish of West Rutland yesterday as the result of a suit for alleged negligence brought against the company in Bennington county court by Judge E. L. Bates of Bennington. The case is returnable at the June term of court.

The plaintiff alleges that he was injured when the northbound flyer was derailed at New Haven Junction in November, 1912. His counsel is J. K. Batchelder, his law partner.

ALLIED
TOWNS
TURN IN

Generous Contributions Be-
gin to Come from Sur-
rounding Territory for
the Big Hospital Cam-
paign and Were Welcomed
with Enthusiasm by City
Workers

TOTAL SUBSCRIPTIONS
AMOUNT TO \$36,378.83

There Will Be Another Big
Meeting To-night, When
Collections of the Last
Day of the Week Will Be
Announced—Marked In-
terest Shown Last Night

Previously reported\$34,245.42
FRILAY'S SUBSCRIPTIONS:
Barre Men's Teams.....\$1,102.56
Barre Women's Teams.....590.85
Allied Towns' Men's
Teams.....279.50
Allied Towns' Women's
Teams.....160.00
Total.....2,132.91

The Barre men's teams reported the following results of the third day's efforts:

Team 1—B. Albisetti, Captain.....\$3.76
Team 2—Peter Desautels, Cap-
tain.....401.25
Team 3—C. B. Gladding, Cap-
tain.....70.50
Team 4—Thomas Mercer, Cap-
tain.....473.55
Team 5—D. A. Perry, Captain.....63.00
Team 6—Stefano Rizzi, Cap-
tain.....4.00
Team 7—F. E. Robinson, Cap-
tain.....86.50
Total.....\$1,102.56

The Barre women's teams reported the following results of the third day's efforts:

Team 30—Mrs. A. W. Allen,
Captain.....\$34.75
Team 21—Mrs. H. R. Bradley,
Captain.....13.10
Team 22—Mrs. B. W. Hooker,
Captain.....70.00
Team 23—Mrs. Grant A. Lane,
Captain.....79.25
Team 24—Mrs. N. J. Morrison,
Captain.....136.50
Team 25—Mrs. E. J. Owens,
Captain.....223.00
Team 26—Mrs. James Scott,
Captain.....34.25
Total.....\$590.85

The allied towns' men's teams reported the following results of the third day's efforts:

Team 11—D. C. Howard, South
Barre, Captain.....\$65.00
Team 15—E. H. Nerney, Web-
sterville, Captain.....214.50
Total.....\$279.50
The allied towns' women's teams reported the following results of the third day's efforts:
Team 33—Mrs. N. A. McDon-
ald, Captain.....\$143.00
Team 35—Miss Florence Rock,
Websterville, Captain.....17.00
Total.....\$160.00

Figures for the Barre City hospital campaign took another good leap yesterday and to-day the clocks are registering:

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POULTRY SHOW DATES REMAIN.
Matter of Change Was Discussed at
Meeting Last Evening.

An attempt to change the dates for the annual show of the Vermont Poultry association to be held in Montpelier in January, 1915, was made at a special meeting of the association in the city court room last night. The proposal to defer the exhibit from Jan. 5, 6 and 7 in order to assure the presence of Judge W. H. Carr of Manchester, Conn., brought the matter to a head and a motion to make the change was lost. The show will be held on the days fixed at the annual meeting held two weeks ago. E. M. Lyon, vice-president, occupied the chair in the absence of President H. W. Scott. As the matter now stands it is expected that Henry R. Ingalls of Greenfield, N. Y., George L. Coffin of Freetown, N. Y., and George W. Wood of Boston will be the judges. Mr. Ingalls has already accepted an invitation to be a judge of fowls at the show and the executive committee is corresponding with Messrs. Coffin and Wood. A few days ago Mr. Carr, who has acted as an efficient judge at the shows for several years back, wrote the committee that a previous engagement would prevent him from coming to Montpelier early in January. If the necessary arrangements can be made lectures by two of the judges while the show is in progress will be supplemented by an address by a professor from the University of Vermont. This year the association will return to its old custom of making an advertising pamphlet out of its premium list. At the last show the list was wholly free from advertising. Nearly 100 membership tickets were issued last night and the number is expected to reach a larger figure before the next meeting is held on the night of March 27.

DEATH OF MRS. GEORGE W. PERRIN
Occurred Last Evening After Prolonged
Illness.

Mrs. George W. Perrin passed away at her home on the Beckley street extension last evening at 8:30 o'clock, death following a prolonged illness. Later complications had set in and for a number of days her condition was critical. She leaves her husband, two sisters, Mrs. Amanda Chadwick and Mrs. Elfreda Grant, of Randolph, and two brothers, W. H. Gladding of Randolph and George Gladding of Laconia, N. H. Mrs. Perrin was born in Plainfield Feb. 20, 1845. Her maiden name was Emmeline Gladding and her marriage to Mr. Perrin took place in Plainfield around 47 years ago. The couple came immediately to Barre to reside and for the past 28 years they had made their home on Beckley street.

Mrs. Perrin was long a member of the Methodist church. Upon her removal to this city, she affiliated with the Hedding M. E. church and to the last she remained one of its faithful adherents. Until ill health came to prevent, she was actively interested in the various phases of church work. Her passing will be sincerely mourned by many. Funeral services will be held at the house Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and the interment will be in Elmwood cemetery. Rev. E. F. Newell will officiate at the service.

TEN APPLY FOR POLICEMAN'S JOB.
Examination Was Given to Applicants
By Police Committee.

Ten candidates for the vacancy on the police force presented themselves at city hall for examination this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The examinations were held in the council chamber under the direction of the aldermanic police committee, consisting of Fred W. Bancroft, J. Edwin Keast and John F. Cook. To meet the needs of the occasion, a number of desks and the necessary writing material were introduced in the council rooms. In point of numbers the applicants ranked fairly well with other classes that have taken the examinations since the civil service system was instituted. Tests are applied in several of the rudimentary branches and at the end of the examinations they are collected by the police committee and corrected. It is said that three candidates standing highest in the examinations constitute a list from which vacancies are to be filled. Physical condition is a factor in choosing an officers, as well as his fitness along other lines. From the three obtaining the highest averages in to-day's examinations, an officer will be appointed to fill the vacancy created by the death of Officer George K. Carle and the remaining two will be placed on the waiting list. It is rumored that another vacancy is soon to occur through the resignation of one of the men now serving regularly.

JUDGE ORDERED VERDICT.
For Howe Scale Co. in Negligence Suit
for \$5,000.

Rutland, March 14.—The Howe Scale company won a case in Rutland county court yesterday afternoon, when Judge Willard W. Miles of Barton directed a verdict for the defendant in the suit of Moses R. Anderson vs. the Howe Scale company. It had been on trial since Wednesday, the plaintiff, a former workman of the company, asking \$5,000 damages because of injuries he received five years ago, when an elevator fell. At the conclusion of the evidence T. W. Moloney and W. B. C. Stickney, counsel for the Scale company, moved for a verdict on the ground that in operating the plaintiff assumed his own risk. Judge Miles said that there was no legal question for the jury to decide. Charles L. Howe and Joseph C. Jones were Anderson's lawyers.

WAS NATIVE OF VERMONT.
Rev. Dr. George B. Spaulding Died at
Syracuse.

Syracuse, N. Y., March 14.—Rev. Dr. George B. Spaulding, pastor emeritus of the First Presbyterian church of this city, and one of the best known clergymen in northern and central New York, died at his home late yesterday. Doctor Spaulding was 79 years of age. He was a native of Vermont and was graduated from the University of Vermont in 1840. He was a long time pastor of the Park Congregational church at Hartford, Ct., and has filled pulpits in Dover and Manchester, N. H., before coming to Syracuse in 1885. Doctor Spaulding in early life was connected with the New York World, where it was edited by his brother, A. James Reed Spaulding, and later with the New York Times.

AT ST. JOHNSBURY IN APRIL.
Vermont G. A. R. Encampment Will Be
Held.

Bennington, March 14.—Col. Thomas Hannon, department of Vermont, G. A. R., has issued general orders calling the annual encampment at St. Johnsbury April 21 and 22. Headquarters will be established at the Avenue house on the evening preceding the opening of the encampment. The business session will open Tuesday morning, April 22. On Monday evening the officers of the Women's Relief corps will give a reception to the national department officers, veterans and members of allied orders at the Avenue house. The encampment will conclude Tuesday evening with a usual public campfire. Washington (Banner) commander-in-chief of the G. A. R. has notified the department that he will attend the encampment.

AN INSURANCE
BID WITHDRAWN

Robinson & McAllister * So
Notify Barre City
Vermont State Library

BLANKET POLICY
IS IN QUESTION

Before Taking Action Coun-
cil Will Consult School
Commissioners

Last night the city council, met in special session at the call of the mayor, performed the more or less perfunctory task of lifting a property committee report from the table. It was the proposed schedule for a blanket fire insurance policy on the city's property that occasioned the session, and at 7:30 o'clock a report that has bobbed up at intervals in two administrations was uncovered to view. It was returned to the reliquary at 9 o'clock.

A considerable debate ensued before the report was re-tabled and a motion prevailed to meet the school commissioners in joint session to consider further the merits and drawbacks of the blanket proposition. Once a motion to dismiss the report was made and withdrawn; again a motion to reduce the insurance of the city hall from \$50,000 to \$30,000 and proceed to insure the other city property on the usual plan was made, but it was not put by the mayor. Alderman Keefe's motion to re-table the report and consider it again in joint session with the school commission was carried a few moments before adjournment.

The meeting developed the fact that the Robinson & McAllister agency is no longer to be considered a factor in the insurance proposals, inasmuch as they notified the council of their decision to withdraw a counter offer made when the tentative schedule was drafted by the New England Insurance Exchange in behalf of a number of Barre insurance men now holding insurance on municipal property. It is understood that the Robinson & McAllister proposition contemplated a lower rate than that of the original schedule, which offered to add \$97,000 insurance to city property at a decrease of \$2,100 in cost for a term of five years. One of the objections to the schedule was the necessity for paying a large sum of money in advance and the resulting loss to the city of the use of its money. Still another objection was the reported desire of the school commissioners not to pay any more insurance on school houses than is now being paid. Just what stand the commission is to take was not quite clear and that is one of the things that is to be explained at the next meeting.

Mayor Ward raised a question as to whether the city needs an additional \$97,000 on its property. He thought the city hall to be an excellent fire risk, both by reason of its proximity to the fire station, the purposes to which it is put, and the slow-burning material of which it is constructed. He favored cutting the insurance down to nearly one-half of the \$31,000 now carried on the building. Alderman Bancroft cited the Springfield, Mass., city hall, which was burned in spite of its location across the street from a fire station. Alderman Cook was in favor of carrying \$30,000 on the city building for a year. He said that the Springfield city hall was an old structure when fire reduced it to ashes. In commenting on the situation, he said he had reasons to believe that the council could have saved five cents per hundred on its insurance had the offer of Robinson & McAllister been withheld. He did not care to give his reasons or add to his explanation.

Alderman Keefe moved that the report of the property committee be not accepted and Alderman Cook seconded the motion. Alderman Bancroft called for the yeas and nays. But the call was not to be heeded, for Alderman Keefe presently withdrew his motion and it was supplanted by Alderman Keast's motion, as already mentioned. Alderman Hoban thought the school commission should be accorded an opportunity to air its views on the question.

In dealing with the insurance situation, the new council finds itself in a dilemma, that is, in fact, a hold-over from the last administration. The policy on the city hall expired several weeks ago and the insurance is now being carried until March 20 by local insurance men. The present controversy over the proposed blanket policy had its inception one night early in the year when the schedule scheme was unfolded by B. A. Sumner of Montpelier. Advocates of the plan point to its successful operation in a number of Massachusetts cities. Its opponents say that the city must tie up a lot of money for a five-year term on insurance that is really surplus insurance. Another meeting is expected to go a long way toward settling the question.

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